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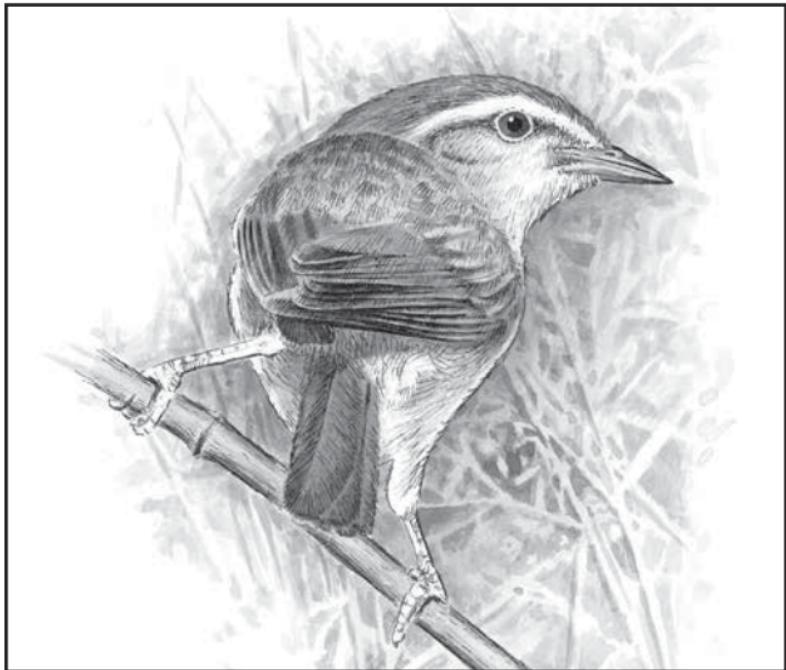
# BIRDS

OF

## MARTIN DIES, JR.

STATE PARK

AND ANGELINA-NECHES AND DAM-B  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS



A FIELD CHECKLIST

2018



# INTRODUCTION

**M**artin Dies, Jr. State Park, the Angelina-Neches Scientific Area and the Dam-B Wildlife Management Units are located at the edge of B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir at the junction of the Angelina and Neches Rivers in Jasper and Tyler Counties. These managed lands and waters are licensed from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and managed for wildlife and fish, and resource-based recreation. The Corps of Engineers is responsible for water management for the checklist area reservoirs.

This checklist covers all area Texas Parks and Wildlife Department facilities, as well as the area between FM 92 and the west (Dam-B), Steinhagen Reservoir dam on the south, Texas Hwy. 96 on the east (Jasper) and RR 255 on the north (Sam Rayburn Reservoir dam). A total of 235 species are reported from the Angelina and Neches River bottomland hardwoods, the open waters and swamps of Steinhagen Reservoir, the dam at Sam Rayburn Reservoir, the shallow ponds of the Jasper State Fish Hatchery, the old growth pine and hardwoods of the state park and adjacent national forest, and the upland farmlands and mixed pine-hardwoods of the checklist area.

The best areas to bird are all of the state parks for most species occupying old growth pine-hardwoods, and the southern end of the Cherokee Unit on the west side of Steinhagen Lake for migrating songbirds. Swainson's Warblers and other species occupying bottomland hardwoods can be found at Wolf Creek adjacent to the USCOE's Magnolia Ridge Park on the west side of Steinhagen. Waterfowl can be seen from the edge of the Hwy. 190 causeway and the shore of the Hen House Ridge Unit on the northeast corner of the state park. Bald eagles are found periodically during winter below Steinhagen Reservoir and at the Sam Rayburn Reservoir dam. The dam at Sam Rayburn also attracts loons and a variety of gulls and terns over the open water, and LeConte's sparrows and Evening grosbeaks (irregular) in the fields below. Small numbers of shorebirds can be found at the Jasper State Fish Hatchery and on Steinhagen Reservoir when it is drawn down. Marsh and swamp birds, including several heronries, are best viewed from a boat within Steinhagen Lake and the Angelina-Neches Scientific Area. Red-cockaded woodpecker and Bachman's sparrow inhabit posted private property on the north end of the checklist area.

Other birding areas of interest are the June Day compartment (accessible by car on the northwest end of Steinhagen), and the McGee Bend compartment (accessible by car from RR 255) of the Angelina National Forest. Both areas

contain high quality bottomland hardwoods. Farm lands to the northeast in the Peachtree, Bevilport and Curtis communities and avifaunal diversity to this predominantly forested area. The main body of the Angelina-Neches Scientific area is accessible by boat only. Access and registration are available at all boat ramps on Steinhagen Reservoir.

This checklist was updated by Mark McClelland based on previous editions compiled by Rhandy Helton, Fisheries Biologist, and Brent Ortego, Wildlife Biologist, with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Jasper, Texas. Nomenclature and organization for this checklist follow the 7th edition of the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds* as currently supplemented.

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## LEGEND

### **Abundance** (in suitable habitat)

- a — Abundant (many should be seen)
- c — Common (should see)
- u — Uncommon (might see)
- r — Rare (seldom seen regular visitor or resident)
- i — Irregular (not seen every year)
- \* — Breeds in area

### **Seasons**

- Sp — Spring (March, April, May)
- S — Summer (June, July, August)
- F — Fall (September, October, November)
- W — Winter (December, January, February)

# CHECKLIST

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck .....	c	c	c	
_____	Snow Goose.....	c	c	c	
_____	Greater White-fronted Goose .....	u		u	u
_____	Canada Goose.....	r		r	r
_____	Tundra Swan.....			i	
_____	*Wood Duck.....	c	c	c	
_____	Blue-winged Teal.....	c	c	u	
_____	Cinnamon Teal.....	u		u	u
_____	Northern Shoveler .....	c	c	c	
_____	Gadwall .....	c	c	c	
_____	American Wigeon .....	u		u	u
_____	Mallard.....	c	c	c	
_____	Northern Pintail.....	u		u	u
_____	Green-winged Teal.....	c	c	c	
_____	Canvasback.....	c	c	c	
_____	Redhead .....	u		u	u
_____	Ring-necked Duck.....	c	c	c	
_____	Greater Scaup.....			i	
_____	Lesser Scaup.....	c	c	c	
_____	Bufflehead.....			u	
_____	Common Goldeneye.....			u	
_____	Hooded Merganser.....	u		u	u
_____	Red-breasted Merganser.....	u			
_____	Ruddy Duck.....	u		u	u
_____	*Northern Bobwhite .....	r	r	r	r
_____	*Wild Turkey .....	r	r	r	r
_____	*Pied-billed Grebe.....	c	u	c	c

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	Horned Grebe.....				u
_____	Western Grebe.....				i
_____	*Rock Pigeon .....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Eurasian Collared-Dove .....	u	u	u	u
_____	Inca Dove .....	u	u	u	u
_____	White-winged Dove.....	r	r	r	r
_____	*Mourning Dove.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Greater Roadrunner.....	u	u	u	u
_____	*Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	c	c	c	
_____	Black-billed Cuckoo .....	r		r	
_____	*Common Nighthawk.....	c	c	c	
_____	*Chuck-will's-widow.....	c	c	c	
_____	Eastern Whip-poor-will.....	u		u	
_____	*Chimney Swift .....	c	c	a	
_____	*Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	c	c	a	
_____	Rufous Hummingbird.....				i
_____	Sora.....	u		u	u
_____	*Purple Gallinule.....	u	u	u	
_____	*Common Gallinule .....	u	c	u	u
_____	American Coot.....	c	u	c	c
_____	Black-necked Stilt.....	r		r	
_____	American Avocet.....	r		r	
_____	Semipalmated Plover .....	r		r	
_____	Killdeer.....	c	u	c	c
_____	Dunlin .....			r	
_____	Least Sandpiper .....	c		c	
_____	Pectoral Sandpiper .....	r		r	
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper .....	r			
_____	Western Sandpiper .....	r		r	

		Sp	S	F	W
____	Short-billed Dowitcher .....	r		r	
____	Long-billed Dowitcher.....	r		r	
____	American Woodcock .....	u		u	c
____	Wilson's Snipe .....	c		c	c
____	Wilson's Phalarope .....			r	
____	Spotted Sandpiper .....	c		c	
____	Solitary Sandpiper .....	u		u	
____	Greater Yellowlegs.....	u		u	
____	Willet.....	u		u	
____	Lesser Yellowlegs.....	u	r	u	r
____	Bonaparte's Gull .....	u		u	u
____	Laughing Gull .....			i	
____	Franklin's Gull .....			u	
____	Ring-billed Gull .....	c		c	c
____	Herring Gull .....	u		u	u
____	Caspian Tern.....	r		r	
____	Black Tern.....	c		u	
____	Forster's Tern .....	c	u	c	u
____	Royal Tern .....			i	
____	Common Loon.....	u		u	c
____	Wood Stork .....			u	
____	Neotropic Cormorant.....	u			
____	Double-crested Cormorant .....	c		c	c
____	*Anhinga .....	c		c	c
____	American White Pelican.....	u		u	u
____	American Bittern .....			u	u
____	*Least Bittern.....	u	u	u	
____	*Great Blue Heron.....	c	c	c	c
____	*Great Egret.....	c	c	c	c

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	*Snowy Egret .....	u	c	u	u
_____	*Little Blue Heron.....	c	c	u	
_____	*Tricolored heron .....	u	c	u	
_____	*Cattle Egret .....	a	a	a	u
_____	*Green Heron.....	c	c	c	
_____	*Black-crowned Night-Heron .....	u	u	u	
_____	*Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.....	u	u	u	
_____	*White Ibis .....	u	u	u	
_____	White-faced Ibis.....			i	
_____	Roseate Spoonbill.....			i	
_____	*Black Vulture.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Turkey Vulture .....	c	c	c	c
_____	Osprey.....	u	r	u	
_____	White-tailed Kite .....	u	u	u	u
_____	Swallow-tailed Kite.....	i			
_____	Mississippi Kite.....	c		c	
_____	Northern Harrier .....	u		u	u
_____	Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	c		c	c
_____	Cooper's Hawk .....	u	r	u	u
_____	Bald Eagle .....	u		u	u
_____	*Red-shouldered Hawk .....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Broad-winged Hawk .....	c	u	c	
_____	Swainson's Hawk.....	r	r		
_____	*Red-tailed Hawk .....	c	u	c	c
_____	*Barn Owl .....	r	r	r	r
_____	*Eastern Screech-Owl.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Great Horned Owl.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Barred Owl.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Belted Kingfisher.....	c	u	c	c

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	*Red-headed Woodpecker.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Red-bellied Woodpecker .....	c	c	c	c
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	c		c	c
_____	*Downy Woodpecker.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Hairy Woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
_____	*Red-cockaded Woodpecker.....	r	r	r	r
_____	*Northern Flicker .....	c	u	c	c
_____	*Pileated Woodpecker.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*American Kestrel.....	c	u	c	c
_____	Merlin .....			r	r
_____	Peregrine Falcon .....	r		r	
_____	*Eastern Wood-Pewee .....	c	c		
_____	*Acadian Flycatcher.....	c	c		
_____	Alder Flycatcher.....	u		u	
_____	Willow Flycatcher .....	u		u	
_____	Least Flycatcher .....	u		u	
_____	Eastern Phoebe.....	c		c	c
_____	Vermillion Flycatcher.....	r			r
_____	*Great Crested Flycatcher .....	c	c		
_____	Western Kingbird.....	r		r	
_____	*Eastern Kingbird .....	c	c		
_____	*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.....	c	u	c	
_____	*Loggerhead Shrike.....	u	u	u	u
_____	*White-eyed Vireo.....	c	c		r
_____	Bell's Vireo		r		
_____	*Yellow-throated Vireo .....	c	u	c	
_____	Blue-headed Vireo.....	c		c	c
_____	Philadelphia Vireo .....	r		r	
_____	Warbling Vireo .....	u		u	

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	*Red-eyed Vireo .....	c	c	c	
_____	*Blue Jay .....	c	c	c	c
_____	*American Crow .....	c	c	c	c
_____	Fish Crow .....			r	
_____	*Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....	c	u	a	
_____	*Purple Martin .....	c	c	a	
_____	Tree Swallow .....	c		c	u
_____	Bank Swallow.....	c		c	
_____	*Barn Swallow.....	c	c	c	
_____	Cliff Swallow .....	u		u	
_____	*Carolina Chickadee.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Tufted Titmouse .....	c	c	c	c
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	r		r	i
_____	White-breasted Nuthatch.....		u	u	u
_____	*Brown-headed Nuthatch .....	c	c	c	c
_____	Brown Creeper .....	c		c	c
_____	House Wren.....	c		c	c
_____	Winter Wren .....	c		c	c
_____	Sedge Wren .....	u		u	u
_____	Marsh Wren.....	u		u	
_____	*Carolina Wren.....	c	c	c	c
_____	*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	c	c	c	u
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet .....	c		c	c
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	c		c	c
_____	*Eastern Bluebird.....	c	u	c	c
_____	Veery .....	u		u	
_____	Gray-cheeked Thrush .....	u		u	
_____	Swainson's Thrush.....	u		u	
_____	Hermit Thrush.....	c		c	c

		Sp	S	F	W
____	*Wood Thrush.....	c	c	c	
____	*American Robin.....	c	c	c	a
____	Gray Catbird .....	c		c	u
____	*Brown Thrasher.....	c	u	c	c
____	*Northern Mockingbird.....	c	c	c	c
____	*European Starling .....	c	c	c	c
____	Cedar Waxwing.....	c		c	a
____	*House Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
____	American Pipit.....	u		u	u
____	Evening Grosbeak.....				i
____	House Finch .....	u		u	
____	Purple Finch.....	u		u	c
____	Pine Siskin.....	i		i	i
____	American Goldfinch.....	c		c	c
____	Eastern Towhee .....	c		c	c
____	Spotted Towhee .....			u	
____	*Bachman's Sparrow .....	u	u	u	u
____	LeConte's Sparrow .....	u		u	u
____	*Chipping Sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
____	Field Sparrow .....	c		c	c
____	*Lark Sparrow.....	u	u	u	
____	Fox Sparrow .....	u		u	u
____	Dark-eyed Junco.....	c		c	c
____	White-crowned Sparrow .....	r		r	r
____	White-throated Sparrow.....	c		c	c
____	Vesper Sparrow .....	u		u	u
____	Savannah Sparrow .....	c		c	c
____	Song Sparrow .....	c		c	c
____	Lincoln's Sparrow.....	u		u	u

		Sp	S	F	W
____	Swamp Sparrow.....	c		c	c
____	*Yellow-breasted Chat .....	c	c		
____	*Eastern Meadowlark.....	u	u	u	
____	*Orchard Oriole .....	c	c	c	
____	*Baltimore Oriole.....	u	u	u	
____	*Red-winged Blackbird .....	c	c	c	a
____	*Brown-headed Cowbird.....	c	c	c	
____	Rusty Blackbird .....	u		u	u
____	Brewer's Blackbird.....	u		u	u
____	*Common Grackle.....	c	c	c	
____	Great-tailed Grackle.....	c	c	c	
____	Ovenbird .....	u		u	
____	Worm-eating Warbler .....	u		u	
____	*Louisiana Waterthrush .....	u		u	
____	Northern Waterthrush.....	u	u	u	
____	Golden-winged Warbler.....	r		r	
____	Blue-winged Warbler.....	u		u	
____	*Black-and-white Warbler .....	c	u	c	
____	*Prothonotary Warbler .....	c	c	c	
____	*Swainson's Warbler.....	u	u	u	
____	Tennessee Warbler .....	c		c	
____	Orange-crowned Warbler .....	c		c	c
____	Nashville Warbler .....	u		u	
____	Mourning Warbler.....	r			
____	*Kentucky Warbler .....	c	c	c	
____	*Common Yellowthroat .....	c	c	c	u
____	*Hooded Warbler .....	c	c	c	
____	*American Redstart .....	c	r	c	
____	Cerulean Warbler .....	u		u	

		Sp	S	F	W
_____	*Northern Parula.....	c	c	c	
_____	Magnolia Warbler.....	c		c	
_____	Bay-breasted Warbler .....	u		u	
_____	Blackburnian Warbler .....	u		u	
_____	Yellow Warbler .....	c		c	
_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	c		c	
_____	Blackpoll Warbler .....	u			
_____	Palm Warbler .....	r		r	
_____	*Pine Warbler.....	c	c	c	c
_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	c		c	c
_____	*Yellow-throated Warbler .....	c	c	c	
_____	*Prairie Warbler.....	c	u	c	
_____	Black-throated Green Warbler.....	c		c	
_____	Canada Warbler.....	r		r	
_____	Wilson's Warbler .....	c		c	
_____	*Summer Tanager.....	c	c	c	
_____	Scarlet Tanager.....	u		u	
_____	*Northern Cardinal.....	c	c	c	c
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	c		c	
_____	*Blue Grosbeak.....	c	u	c	
_____	*Indigo Bunting.....	c	c	c	
_____	*Painted Bunting .....	u	u	u	
_____	*Dickcissel .....	u	u	u	

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